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SUBJ: POLISH COMMENT TO NORWEGIANS ON SOVIET LEADERSHIP, SALT

1. AT NOVEMBER 11 POLADS, NORWEGIAN REP (OSTREM) REPORTED FOLLOWING COMMENTS FROM POLISH DIPLOMATIC SOURCE ON SOVIET LEADERSHIP SITUATION AND SALT. COMMENT: WE LEARNED FROM SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH OSTREM THAT COMMENT CAME FROM POLISH EMBASSY OFFICER IN WASHINGTON, AND THAT REPORT FROM NORWEGIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, WAS DATED NOVEMBER 1. EDN COMMENT.

2. ON SOVIET LEADERSHIP, POLISH DIPLOMAT OBSERVED THAT A BREZHNEV RETIREMENT WOULD COME MORE LIKELY FROM POLITICAL DISAGREEMENT WITHIN SOVIET HIERARCHY RATHER THAN FROM HEALTH PROBLEMS. POLE SAID BREZHNEV'S KREMLIN CRITICS POINT ESPECIALLY TO SOVIET DIPLOMATIC SETBACKS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, TO FACT THAT WESTERN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INSTABILITY HAD NOT BEEN BETTER EXPLOITED, TO INSUFFICIENT SOVIET SUPPORT FOR PORTUGUESE AND ITALIAN COMMUNISTS, TO FACT THAT CSCE WAS A DUBIOUS VICTORY FOR SOVIETS/EE, AND TO LESS-THAN-EXPECTED BENEFITS FROM INCREASED ECONOMIC AND
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3. ON SALT, SOVIET CONTACT ADMITTED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE "PRETTY STUCK." POLISH CONTACT TOLD NORWEGIANS THAT

USSR PLACED SO MUCH EMPHASIS ON SALT FINAL RESULTS THAT
MOSCOW WOULD NOT EMBARK ON "DUBIOUS CONCESSIONS" IN ORDER
TO HAVE A US-SOVIET SUMMIT MEETING BEFORE THE 25TH CPSU
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